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1. THE EMBASSY AND CASC EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR THE HIGHLY BENEFICIAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY STATE/NICA SPONSORED PSYCHIATRIST/CONSULTANT DR. DAVID ALBIN. HE FULFILLED OUR REQUEST (TEHRAN 6360), PROVIDING THE EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE NECESSARY TO ARTICULATE THE COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAM DESIRES AND MEANS OF ACHIEVING THEM. WE ASSUME THAT DR. ALBIN'S WASHINGTON DEBRIEFINGS AUGUST 9 CONVEYED SUBSTANCE OF HIS AND CASC'S ACTIVITIES DURING THE JULY 25 TO AUGUST 8 CONSULTATION. HIS SCHEDULE INCLUDED CALLS ON HEADS OF MANY US FIRMS, ASSOCIATIONS AND USG ENTITIES AS WELL AS MANY WORKING SESSIONS WITH CASC. DR. ROBERT KIESLING'S CONSULTATION FOR FOUR DAYS SPONSORED BY THREE U.S. FIRMS COINCIDED WITH ALBIN'S VISIT AND PROVIDED THE PRACTICALITIES OF THE BANGKOK HEALTH CENTER'S EXPERIENCE.

2. DR. ALBIN HAND-CARRIED TO M/MED THE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER OF TEHRAN (SDC) PROJECT. THIS PACKAGE OF 245 PAGES PLUS LETTERS OF ENDORSEMENTS FROM U.S. FIRMS WAS PREPARED UNDER ALBIN'S DIRECTION, DRAWING UPON POINTS IN PROJECT NARRATIVE, PAGE 1, OF PHS GRANT APPLICATION FORM 5194 AND DR. ALBIN'S OWN TASK ASSIGNMENT OUTLINE. DUE TO TIME PRESSURES THERE WAS LITTLE OPPORTUNITY TO PROOF THE DOCUMENT. WITH THE RECENT RETURN TO TEHRAN OF BECKMAN AND TAYLOR THE PACKAGE IS BEING REVIEWED BUT, AS IS, IT IS CONSIDERED A GOOD
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DOCUMENT. A SUMMARY OF SALIENT PORTIONS WILL BE PREPARED FOR USE

IN JUSTIFYING CONTRIBUTIONS OF U.S. FIRMS AND "SELLING" THE SDC TO OUR CONSTITUENCY. APPARENTLY ALBIN INADVERTENTLY TOOK THE ONLY COPY OF SECTION II (PAGES 14 AND 15, "CHARACTERISTICS OF IRAN AND THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY." ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE POUCH A COPY OF SECTION II TO CLYDE TAYLOR. ALSO, PLEASE PROVIDE SOONEST ANY COMMENTS ON THE PACKAGE SO THEY MAY BE CONSIDERED IN OUR CURRENT REVIEW BEFORE A SUMMARY IS PRESENTED.

3. SDC'S PSYCHIASTRIST/DIRECTOR: DR. ALBIN WAS ASKED BY THE CASC TO CONVEY OUR REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT PROVIDE PRIORITY ASSISTANCE IN RECRUITING A PSYCHIATRIST/DIRECTOR FOR THE PLANNED SDC. THIS DEPENDENCY ON THE DEPARTMENT IS NOTED IN SECTION IX OF THE PROJECT PAPER. WE SEE THIS BEING ACCOMPLISHED IN A MANNER AKIN TO THE RECRUITMENT OF PSYCHIASTRIST FOR BANGKOK'S FACILITY, I.E. THE DEPARTMENT, WITH ASSISTANCE OF DR. ALBIN (WHO INDICATED HIS WILLINGNESS), CONTACTING AND INTERVIEWING CANDIDATES WHO FULFILL THE REQUIREMENTS DESCRIBED IN THE POSITION DESCRIPTION IN SECTION IX. DEPARTMENT'S RECOMMENDATION AND SUMMARY CURRICULUM VITAE OF CANDIDATE WOULD BE COMMUNICATED TO THE BOARD OF THE SDC THROUGH THE EMBASSY FOR THE BOARD'S CONSIDERATION. THE SCHEDULE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE SDC (SECTION V) IS FULLY CONTINGENT UPON THE HIRING OF THE DIRECTOR/PSYCHIATRIST. WYILE APPRISED OF THE DIFFICULTIES IN OBTAINING A DESIRABLE PERSON ON SHORT NOTICE, THE CASC NONETHELESS PUT OCTOBER 1 AS START UP FOR THE SDC AS A GENUINE HOPE AND, AT A MINIMUM, TO MAINTAIN A SENSE OF URGENCY IN THIS VITAL ISSUE, A SENSE ALREADY MANIFESTED BY THE DEPARTMENT. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE PROVIDE PRIORITY EFFORT TO LOCATING SUITABLE SDC DIRECTOR/PSYCHIATRIST AND ADVISE SOONEST ON PROSPECTS.

4. FUNDING OF SDC: A) THE CASC IS COMPLETING A SURVEY OF SOME 190 U.S. FIRMS TO DETERMINE EXPATRIATE EMPLOYMENT LEVELS NOW AND A YEAR HENCE IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH BENCHMARKS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SDC ON A PERCENT OF AMERICAN POPULATION BASIS. G) PROPOSED BUDGET (SECTION XVII) OF \$214,000 LESS \$69,000 CONTRIBUTION IN KIND AND \$15,000 USG GRANT, LEAVES \$130,000 TO BE RAISED ON ASSUMPTION OF FULL YEAR BUDGET. CASC INTENDS TO ASK FOR TWO-YEAR COMMITMENT, A PROVISIO IN FACT REQUESTED BY SOME FIRMS. CURRENT ASSESSMENTS CONTINUES TO BE THAT BUSINESS COMMUNITY IS HIGHLY SUPPORTIVE OF PROPOSED SDC AND THERE IS GOOD LIKELIHOOD OF OBTAINING NECESSARY FINANCING. COPIES OF 12 LETTERS OF ENDORSEMENT BY U.S. UNCLASSIFIED

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FIRMS HAVE BEEN FORWARDED TO DR. HAYNES, M/MED. CASC CURRENTLY PREPARING INDIVIDUALIZED PRESENTATIONS TO FIRMS FOR FUNDS. C) THE GRANT OF \$15,000 (STATE 158216) WAS RELATED TO "OVERSEAS DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION. STATE 177821, PAR. 5, SAID ALBIN'S CONSULTATION WAS INTER ALIA, TO PREPARE A "FORMAL GRANT APPLICATION FOR FUNDS FOR A DRUG, ALCOHOL AND MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM." ARE THESE TWO DIFFERENT GRANTS OR IS THE DISTINCT LANGUAGE ACCIDENTAL? WHAT ARE THE PROSPECTS FOR ADDITIONAL GRANT ASSISTANCE THIS YEAR (FY 1977)

OR SUBSEQUENT YEARS ASSUMING SATISFACTORY OPERATION OF SDC?

PLEASE ADVISE.

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